Action plans for cleaning rivers

330. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started action plans for cleaning of rivers of the country, apart from the Ganga and Yamuna;

(b) if so, the rivers in respect of which such cleaning plans have been initiated;

(c) whether any time-frame has been chalked out in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) A scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), which covers pollution abatement works in 153 towns along the polluted stretches of 28 rivers including Ganga and Yamuna spread over 17 States is under implementation. The list of the polluted stretches of rivers covered under NRCP is given in the Statement (*See* below). The pollution abatement works include such activities as (i) sewerage, (ii) sewage treatment plants, (iii) low cost sanitation, (iv) crematoria, (v) afforestation, and (vi) public participation. All approved works under NRCP are targeted for completion by December, 2005.

Statement

List of polluted stretches of rivers covered under NRCP

No.	River/Town	State No.	State
1	2	3	4
(i)	Adyar	1	Tamil Nadu
(ii)	Cooum		Tamil Nadu
(iii)	Betwa	2	Madhya Pradesh
(iv)	Bhdra	3	Karnataka
(v)	Brahamini	4	Orissa
(vi)	Cauvery		Tamil Nadu Karnataka
(vii)	Chambal	5	Rajasthan Madhya Pradesh
(viii)	Damodar	6	West Bengal

No.	River/Town	State No.	State
1	2	3	4
		7	Jharkhand
			Bihar
(ix)	Ganga	8	Uttar Pradesh
		9	Bihar
			West Bengal
		10	Uttaranchal
(x)	Godavari	11	Andhra Pradesh
		12	Maharashtra
(xi)	Gomati		Uttar Pradesh
(xii)	Khan		Madhya Pradesh
(xiii)	Krishna		Maharashtra
(xiv)	Kshipra		Madhya Pradesh
(xv)	Mahanadi		Orissa
(xvi)	Narmada		Madhya Pradesh
(xvii)	Sabarmati	13	Gujarat
(xviii)	Sutlej	14	Punjab
(xix)	Subarnarekha		Bihar
(xx)	Tapti		Madhya Pradesh
(xxi)	Tunga		Karnataka
(xxii)	Tungabhadra		Karnataka
(xxiii)	Tambrabarani		Tamil Nadu
(xxiv)	Vennar		Tamil Nadu
(xxv)	Vaigal		Tamil Nadu
(xxvi)	Wainganga		Madhya Pradesh
(xxvii)	Yamuna		Uttar Pradesh
		15	Haryana
		16	Delhi
(xxviii)	Mandavi	17	Goa